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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அது ஒரு காலத்தில் அப்படி இருந்தது. அதையெல்லாம் திருத்தி அமைக்கவேண்டுமென்று கருதி, இப்போது கூடுமான வரையில் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமையில் வைத்திருக்கிறோம்.

Utilisation of the waters of Siruvani river

* 328 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any agreement has been entered into with the Kerala Government about the utilisation of the waters of Siruvani river in Coimbatore district and, if so, the terms thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Did this Government approach the Kerala Government to allow our Government to draw more water?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir, it is now a matter for delicate (An hon. Member : handling) negotiation This was even taken up in the Southern Zonal Council meeting. They have left it to the Chief Ministers of the two Staes to discuss about it and come to a decision.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know at what stage the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not exactly know at what stage both these Chief Ministers are about the talks. But there was a first approach and then I understand that the other Chief Minister had to get information from his Government. They will meet again and discuss and come to a decision.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, Coimbatore is getting only intermittent supply of water. The city is growing rapidly and the population is also increasing. May I know what other source there is for the Government to meet the needs of the people of Coimbatore regarding drinking water?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I think the only source is Siruvani from where we can tap water. I saw some reports; they are only reports. From them I glean that they object to water being used for irrigation. They are not objecting to water being taken for drinking purposes. So, after the two Chief Ministers discuss it, they will come to a happy conclusion.

Resignation of doctors

* 329 Q.—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of doctors in the Madras Medical Service who resigned from service from 1st June 1959 to 31st January 1961? 3-10 p.m.